Truth Conquers Lies_Part 5: "Happiness is…"

LIFE VERSE: John 8:31-32

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

1. Read Jonah 4:1–3. Take some time to ponder and discuss God's character as described in these verses.

    a. Jonah was upset because God showed compassion instead of doing what Jonah wanted. When you sit with that scene, where do you feel a similar tug in your own heart when God doesn't follow your script?

2. Read Jonah 4:4 as if God were saying it directly to you. What situation immediately comes to mind?

3. Read Jonah 4:5-6. Jonah was thrilled about the plant God gave him. What's a "plant moment" in your life where God provided something that brought comfort and how did it affect your attitude at the time?

4. Read Jonah 4:7–9. When the plant disappeared, Jonah melted down. How do you typically respond when a good gift gets taken away or a comfort suddenly changes? What does that reaction show about where you're expecting happiness to come from?

5. Read Jonah 4:10–11. God's compassion for Nineveh stands in contrast to Jonah's concern for his own comfort. As you hear God's heart in these verses, where might He be nudging you to care more about what He cares about, even if it stretches you?